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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

TENG-CHUN TSAI ET AL

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/986,929

Group Art Unit: 1763

Filed: November 13, 2001

Examiner: GOUDREAU, GEORGE A.

For: METHOD OF FORMING A DUAL DAMASCENE VIA BY USING A METAL HARD MASK LAYER

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small entity status of this application has been established.
☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	36	36	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	x \$ 86 =	\$ 0.00
If multiple claims newly presented, add \$290.00					
Fee for extension of time					
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$ 0.00

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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 10, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the amended application according to the following remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.